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Dear Sir:

PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(C)(2)

Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue. The issue fee for this case was paid on March 3, 2005.

The reason for the request for withdrawal from issue is to permit consideration of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.114.

The petition fee in the amount of \$130.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h)) is submitted herewith. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this Petition, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account 50-1068.

Respectfully submitted,

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